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1. The village of Pogoreltsy,¹ located in Nesvizhskiy Rayon about 20 km east of Baranovichi N 53-08, E 26-02, had a population of approximately 500 [see sketch for the plan of Pogoreltsy].
2. Pogoreltsy was a center for rail and vehicular traffic. A double-track railroad ran through the village. With the exception of troop trains, all passenger trains stopped at Pogoreltsy. Both the Brest-Minsk and the Brest-Moscow trains stopped in the village. The Brest-Minsk run was made on even days, and the Brest-Moscow run on odd days. [redacted]
[redacted] Freight trains seldom stopped there, and there was only one warehouse for freight. The train station had a waiting room, a ticket window, a club room with reading material and games, and a lunch room. The desks of the station master and the telegraphist were in the telephone office at the station. The station building was illuminated by kerosene lamps.
3. The east-west vehicular traffic through Pogoreltsy was considerably heavier than the north-south traffic. In the morning, most of the traffic came from the east and went westward in the direction of Baranovichi; in the afternoon, the traffic was in a west-east direction. [redacted] about 50 motor vehicles traveled the east-west road every day. A bus which traveled between Baranovichi and Nesvizh N 53-13, E 26-41 made stops in Pogoreltsy.
4. The main street was paved with cobblestone from a point just west of Pogoreltsy and eastward through the village as far as Nesvizh. All other roads, including that portion of the main road which led from Pogoreltsy to Baranovichi, were graded dirt roads.
5. Most of the houses were one-story thatched huts. Several homes were built of brick and had tin roofs. There were huts scattered along both sides of the railroad tracks and along the road running north and south.

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6. Pogoreltsy had a telephone line which came into the village from Nesvizh and went on to a town named Duritkovtsy. There was a public telephone in the post office. The kolkhoz office had telephone connections with the post office. Telephone or telegraph lines, or both, ran along both sides of the railroad tracks; there were 15 to 20 lines on either side of the tracks. A telephone maintenance office was located in a brick building. Soviet Army soldiers who were quartered there were responsible for the maintenance of the Minsk-Baranovichi military telephone line which ran just northwest of the village.
7. The Village House of Culture was located in a cinder-block building. This club had a radio and an ample supply of reading material. It was also used as the election and meeting hall. The village store was in a wooden building; it sold dry goods, vodka, and all kinds of groceries, except meat.
8. Pogoreltsy had no electricity, plumbing, or sewerage system. There was no broadcast relay station [radiouzel]. The village had no church. A feldsher and a midwife had their offices and a laboratory in the dispensary.
9. The warehouses of the Office of Grain Procurement were wooden structures and were used as granaries and collection points. The power plant was in a brick building which housed an internal combustion engine that generated electricity for the grain cleaning mills and for night illumination. The flour mill was in a brick building and was powered by a local generator which also served all the inhabitants of the area. The flour mill was under the jurisdiction of the Raypromkombinat [Rayon Industrial Combine].
1. Comment: Pogoreltsy is probably identical with Pogozehtse [approximately N 53-12, E 26-18].

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Legend to Sketch of Pogoreltsy

1. Warehouse of the Office of Grain Procurement [Zagotzerno].
2. Warehouse of the Office of Grain Procurement.
3. Electric power plant.
4. Railroad warehouse.
5. Railroad station.
- 6,7,8,9. Living quarters for railroad workers: Wooden structures.
10. Railroad guard shack.
11. The granary of the Chernikhovo kolkhoz.
12. Dispensary.
13. Office of the Office of Grain Procurement.
14. Tea house.
15. Telephone maintenance office.
16. Flour mill.
17. Village soviet.
18. Post office.
19. Railroad sentry box.
20. Warehouse of the Office of Grain Procurement.
21. Kolkhoz office.
22. Village store.
23. Branch school.
24. Village House of Culture.
25. School.
26. Bus stop.

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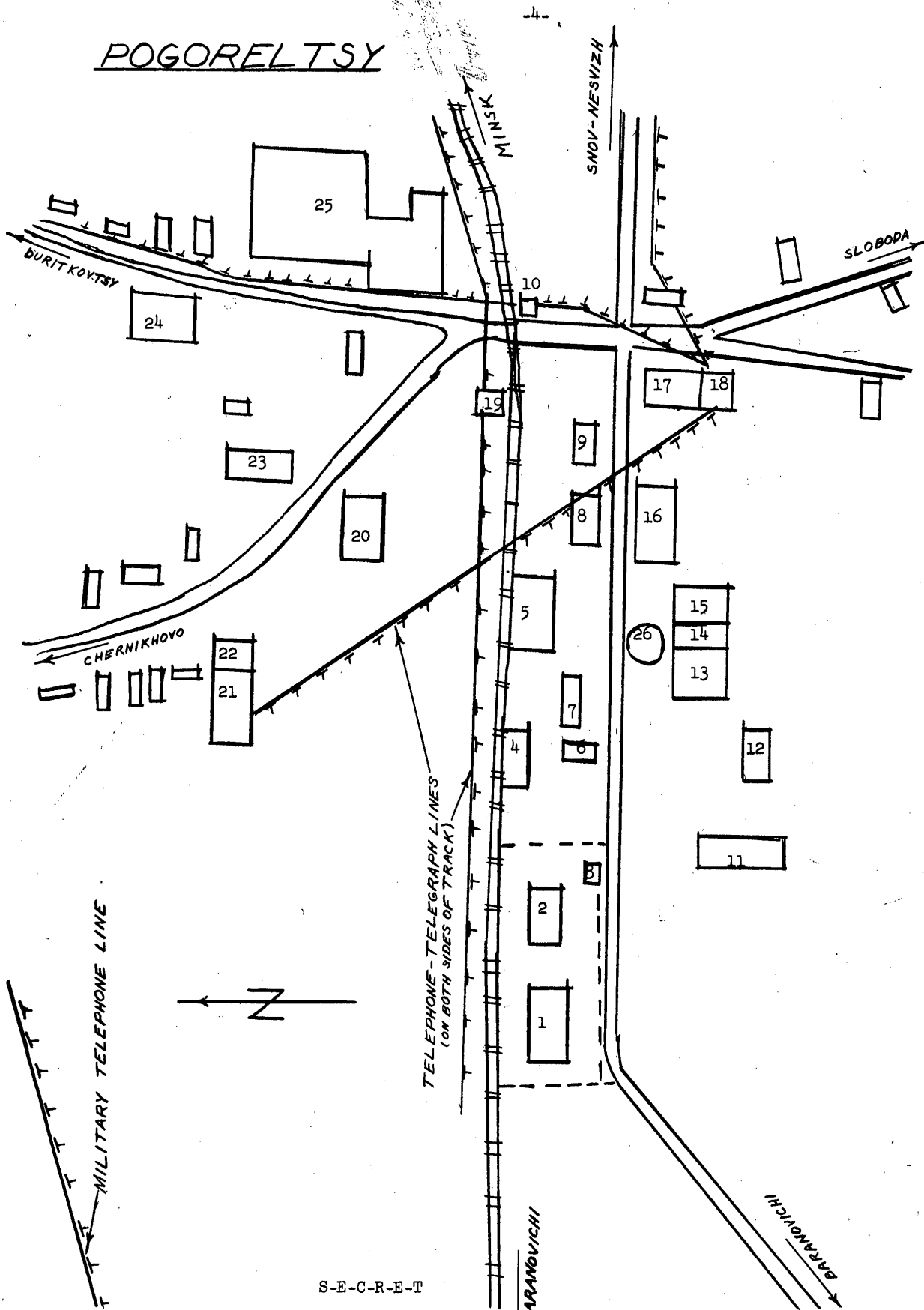
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